

*****April 8, 2019*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum
Vice Mayor Amy Speak
Councilmember Bill Lusk
Councilmember Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Robert Spalding

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White
See attached list for others present

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Minutes

The minutes for the March 11th meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the March 25th meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Citizen Comments

David Spiller, James Boulevard, spoke about his belief that there was not enough communication about issues associated with the construction currently occurring on James Boulevard. He also said that the project was taking far longer than originally projected. Mr. Spiller was particularly upset that the Post Office had given him a notice that his mail could not be delivered for several days due to the construction. He said he was surprised to find he would also not be able to get access to his driveway for a few days during this construction phase.

Loretta Hopper, Public Works Director, said there have been construction delays due to heavy rains. She said that 4 letters have been sent since January updating affected residents about construction delays and providing other information. Ms. Hopper said, once informed of the issue, she contacted the Post Office and arranged to set up temporary mailboxes for the affected residents. She also stated that she had personally called all affected residents on Friday to inform them of the obstruction of some driveways for a few days the following week. Ms. Hopper said the Project Foreman had also gone door-to-door to talk with the residents about this issue. Mayor Landrum said that updates of this nature would be placed on the Town's website once it has been re-designed.

Fred Edgemon, James Boulevard, expressed concerns about the Town's oversight of construction issues on James Boulevard.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN LIONS CLUB OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00), TO PROVIDE EVENTS DURING THE JULY 4TH CELEBRATION TO IMPROVE THE CIVIC, CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND MORAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY."

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Speek seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18-107 OF THE TOWN CODE TO ESTABLISH NEW RATE SCHEDULE, WATER RATES AND FEES FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN WATER UTILITY BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019."

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Mayor Landrum seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

Discussion

- a. Council/Budget Meeting Schedule. The Council set May 3rd as the day for the budget worksession.
- b. Administrative Hearing Officer Ordinance and Short Term Rentals. Boyd Veal, Town Manager, explained that the Council will be asked to consider an Ordinance to allow the Administrative Hearing Officer to consider local zoning violations. He said an Ordinance regarding Short Term Rentals will also be considered, which will also include hearings by the Administrative Hearing Officer.
- c. Sidewalk and Bike/Ped Grant Projects. Mr. Veal explained that recent estimates, by an engineering firm selected from a list of firms approved by TDOT, indicate that current costs of the Taft Highway Bike/Ped Path have increased from the original projection of \$488,000 to \$2.2 million.

Council discussed methods to move forward with sidewalk and bike ped. projects that appear to be much more costly than originally expected. Mr. Veal said that staff has asked TDOT to consider combining the grants from 2 other sidewalk/bike ped. projects for the Old Town sidewalks project. He will inform the Council once TDOT has made a decision.

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the April 22, 2019 meeting.

Other Business

Councilmember Spalding announced that he will resign from the Council effective July 15th.

Vice Mayor Speek said the Recreation Board has not met in a year. She said this has resulted in delays in installing clay in the fields and shades in the stands for the baseball leagues. Mr. Veal said the clay has already been delivered and installed. Mr. Veal said he has been unable to get the vendor to provide him with purchasing contract information for the shades.

Mayor Landrum said the boards should meet on a regular basis.

Councilmember Spalding said that the small ballfield field on Timberlinks needs a set of bleachers.

Council held discussions regarding a proposed grocery store and commercial development proposed for the Town of Walden. Mr. Veal was asked to investigate if this development will impact Signal Mountain's time on the Waste Water Treatment Authority (WWTA) moratorium.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dan Landrum, Mayor

Recorder